

STATE HIGHLIGHTS

Massachusetts

Long-distance trips account for a significant amount of travel and include a large share of American households. This travel has economic, social and environmental consequences.

- During 1995, about 76 percent of the households in Massachusetts took one or more long-distance trips to a destination 100 or more miles away. Massachusetts households travel less than the national average which is about 80 percent of all households.
- Travelers who live in Massachusetts took 20.6 million person-trips, an average of 4.2 trips and 3,609 miles per traveler. Visitors to Massachusetts took 16.6 million person-trips, an average of 5.2 trips and 4,456 miles per traveler.
- The number of trips per visitor to Massachusetts has increased 24 percent since 1977, and the number of miles per visitor has increased 20 percent. On average in the United States, the number of trips per traveler has grown 20 percent and the number of miles has increased 39 percent since 1977.
- People who live in Massachusetts take 3.7 car trips per traveler compared with 2.2 airplane trips per traveler, however more miles per traveler are by air (4,249 miles) than by car (1,816 miles).
- Travelers from Massachusetts who live in households with incomes less than \$25,000 travel less often than travelers in households with incomes greater than \$50,000, about 2.7 trips per traveler compared with 4.7 trips per traveler.
- The most popular destination states for travelers who live in Massachusetts are New Hampshire, Maine, and New York. New York, Connecticut and Maine are the most popular origin states for travelers to Massachusetts.

Table 1. Travel Characteristics for Massachusetts and the United States: 1977 and 1995






	Massachusetts			United States		
	1977	1995	Percent change	1977	1995	Percent change
People who live in area						
Percent traveling households	68	76	12.1	72	80	10.8
Trips per household	4.0	4.6	14.0	4.1	5.5	34.1
Trips per traveling household	5.9	6.1	3.4	5.7	6.9	21.1
Trips per capita	2.1	3.4	61.9	2.4	4.0	66.7
Trips per traveler	NA	4.2	NA	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	NA	3,609	NA	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	NA	868	NA	709	827	16.6
People who visit area						
Trips per traveler	4.2	5.2	23.8	4.0	4.8	19.0
Miles per traveler	3,727	4,456	19.6	2,836	3,943	39.0
Miles per trip	885	853	-3.6	709	827	16.6

Note: Data are estimates based on a sample and subject to error; 1995 data are preliminary.

Source: U.S. Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Statistics, 1995 American Travel Survey unpublished tables; U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1977 National Travel Survey, TC77-N-2.



Legend

	Destination of Travel
	More than 20.00
	10.01–20.00
	1.00–10.00
	Less than 1.00

NOTE: Values are expressed as a percentage of interstate trips.



Table 2. Origin States of People Who Visit Massachusetts (In thousands)

TRIPS WITHIN MASSACHUSETTS		2,722		
Alabama	69		Montana	7
Alaska	7		Nebraska	8
Arizona	41		Nevada	10
Arkansas	11		New Hampshire	804
California	377		New Jersey	858
Colorado	77		New Mexico	21
Connecticut	2,613		New York	3,418
Delaware	74		North Carolina	250
District of Columbia	92		North Dakota	2
Florida	336		Ohio	191
Georgia	93		Oklahoma	41
Hawaii	6		Oregon	50
Idaho	8		Pennsylvania	842
Illinois	102		Rhode Island	129
Indiana	70		South Carolina	26
Iowa	11		South Dakota	2
Kansas	22		Tennessee	58
Kentucky	25		Texas	118
Louisiana	20		Utah	19
Maine	989		Vermont	577
Maryland	408		Virginia	357
Michigan	279		Washington	124
Minnesota	50		West Virginia	25
Mississippi	15		Wisconsin	104
Missouri	63		Wyoming	2

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**Table 3. Destination States of People Who Live in Massachusetts (In thousands)**

TRIPS WITHIN MASSACHUSETTS		2,722	
Alabama	16	Montana	5
Alaska	21	Nebraska	9
Arizona	80	Nevada	119
Arkansas	9	New Hampshire	2,959
California	437	New Jersey	858
Colorado	67	New Mexico	30
Connecticut	1,534	New York	2,384
Delaware	51	North Carolina	52
District of Columbia	382	North Dakota	—
Florida	1,186	Ohio	157
Georgia	180	Oklahoma	21
Hawaii	21	Oregon	21
Idaho	—	Pennsylvania	557
Illinois	123	Rhode Island	247
Indiana	42	South Carolina	116
Iowa	16	South Dakota	3
Kansas	35	Tennessee	53
Kentucky	12	Texas	105
Louisiana	50	Utah	10
Maine	2,866	Vermont	947
Maryland	112	Virginia	302
Michigan	54	Washington	70
Minnesota	63	West Virginia	21
Mississippi	7	Wisconsin	33
Missouri	33	Wyoming	3

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Table 4. Travel Rates by Trip and Traveler Characteristics for Massachusetts: 1995

	Person trips [†]	Number of travelers [†]	Trips per traveler	Miles [*]	Miles per traveler	Miles per trip
PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN AREA	20,580	4,900	4.2	17,279	3,609	868
Means of transportation						
Personal use vehicle	15,034	4,013	3.7	7,288	1,816	485
Commercial air	4,796	2,229	2.2	9,470	4,249	1,975
Intercity bus	77	39	2.0	24	626	313
Train	155	134	1.2	102	760	657
Other	518	386	1.3	395	1,026	763
Main purpose						
Business	4,159	995	4.2	4,734	4,758	1,138
Visit friends or relatives	5,762	2,394	2.4	4,851	2,026	842
Leisure	8,819	3,438	2.6	6,081	1,769	690
Other	1,840	1,025	1.8	1,613	1,574	877
Income						
Less than \$25,000	1,837	672	2.7	1,400	2,084	762
\$25,000 to \$49,999	4,739	1,400	3.4	4,052	2,895	855
\$50,000 or greater	14,004	2,961	4.7	11,827	3,995	845
Age						
Less than 24	3,445	1,354	2.5	2,749	2,031	798
25 to 64	15,169	3,076	4.9	12,594	4,094	830
65 and over	1,967	502	3.9	1,936	3,860	985
Gender						
Male	11,355	2,471	4.6	9,665	3,911	851
Female	9,225	2,461	3.7	7,615	3,094	825
PEOPLE WHO VISIT AREA	16,623	3,197	5.2	14,121	4,456	853
Means of transportation						
Personal use vehicle	12,666	2,085	6.1	6,368	3,054	503
Commercial air	3,117	906	3.4	7,183	7,932	2,305
Intercity bus	93	20	4.7	34	1,712	362
Train	299	43	6.0	209	4,875	698
Other	448	144	3.1	328	2,283	733
Main purpose						
Business	4,400	768	5.7	4,797	6,249	1,090
Visit friends or relatives	4,983	998	4.0	4,003	4,012	803
Leisure	4,953	1,243	3.0	3,293	2,648	665
Other	2,287	468	4.9	2,028	4,331	886
Income						
Less than \$25,000	1,576	340	4.6	1,587	4,669	1,007
\$25,000 to \$49,999	4,480	824	5.4	4,077	4,949	910
\$50,000 or greater	10,567	1,732	6.1	8,457	4,881	800
Age						
Less than 24	3,247	665	4.9	2,655	3,994	818
25 to 64	11,855	1,934	6.1	10,178	5,264	859
65 and over	1,521	295	5.1	1,288	4,359	847
Gender						
Male	9,190	1,535	5.0	8,010	5,217	872
Female	7,433	1,356	5.5	6,111	4,506	822

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